

This is in response to the Shoreline II Final EIS. We are completely against corporations continuing to operate within "pooled" guide use units. We are a corporation and were asked years ago at a guide meeting in Juneau by other guides to consider the way our permits are set up as a corporation and not as separate entities for each guide for both of us. Glacier Guides was also asked at this same meeting. In the end we, Parker Guide Service, saw the writing on the wall. We knew that this would indeed hinder other guides and sharing in the permitted land use allocated to us all by the USFS. Even though it would have helped us personally to keep things status quo as a corporation, we thought that this would show favoritism and bias towards the only guides running their permits as a corporations, rather than personal guiding entities. That would be ourselves and the Rosenbruchs. We also saw how important it is for all the guides to stand together on how the permits are allocated to ensure a future for guides in this industry.

For years now, both of us have put in for our permits as One Guide/3 Units. Like Glacier Guides we too are a long time family run operation. For almost 28 years we have operated our business. Our son is getting to the age where it would have been advantageous to do what the Rosenbruchs are doing, which is to have several guides working under a corporate name with several GUA's to choose from. We know from first-hand experience how difficult it is to work in the field without running into other users, both resident and nonresident entities. When you have one entity being able to capitalize on several units and move around wherever and whenever, this puts a tremendous amount of pressure on everyone else.

Our past use reports show that we normally hunt the same areas time after time for several years, with high success on mature male bears. Our clients have been able to enjoy the full experience of the Tongass through our communication with other guides so there are no conflicts in the field. We have been able to do this for the most part within the normal permitted use of 3 units each. The exception being the run ins that we have had with Glacier Guides, when after several years of not using an areas show up without any warning. We have documented these instances with Petersburg, Juneau and Sitka USFS management. These will give you testimonial examples of the hardship that this creates.

To be consistent with use and the areas is imperative to make this work for everyone. This can only be done by controlling the amount of areas a guide has the permission to use. Other guides are not allowed this privilege and we are and have been historically staying within the same use areas and working collectively to not have these issues. This trickle-down effect of having one entity be able to move around and go wherever, whenever causes problems with other guides and users being displaced from areas that they may have guided hunters consistently for the past 10-30 years successfully. That is why we highly recommend that the USFS stick to their plan of One Guide/3 personal GUA's period. To do anything else at this point, considering the number of entities left, would in our opinion be considered showing favoritism and bias, creating a huge management issue for other guides who have USFS permits.

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